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July 19, 2007

The Honorable Bernard O'Brien  
Mayor of Holland Township  
61 Church Road  
Milford, NJ 08848

**Re: Completeness Determination for the Holland Township Petition for  
Initial Plan Endorsement**

Dear Mayor O'Brien:

After review of the petition information submitted by Holland Township for Initial Plan Endorsement pursuant to the State Planning Rules, N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.5 (b), the Office of Smart Growth finds the petition complete. I would like to commend the Township for the significant planning efforts that have been undertaken and thank you for the time and effort you have committed to complying with the State Planning Commission's (SPC) Plan Endorsement process.

The Township or any interested person may request that the Office of Smart Growth conduct a public hearing on the Township's petition. A request for a public hearing must be submitted to the Office of Smart Growth by Monday, July 30, 2007. The public also has an opportunity to provide comments at any time during the process until the SPC takes final action on the petition.

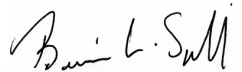
State, federal and regional agencies have 45 days within which to review the petition and provide comments to the Office of Smart Growth regarding the petition's consistency with the State Plan. This review period ends Monday, September 3, 2007. At that point in time, OSG will prepare an Action Plan and Memorandum of Understanding that sets forth specific actions and timelines for completion of those actions necessary for Holland Township to receive Initial Plan Endorsement.



Within 60 days following the end of this review period or unless otherwise agreed, the Office of Smart Growth will prepare a report to the SPC assessing the consistency of Holland Township's petition and draft Planning and Implementation Agreement (PIA) with the goals, policies and strategies of the State Plan. If the Office of Smart Growth has not made a recommendation to the SPC by Monday, November 1, 2007, the Township can directly petition the SPC to take action on the Township's petition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact myself or Barry Ableman, Principal Planner for Hunterdon County, at 609-292-3228 or via email at [bableman@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:bableman@dca.state.nj.us).

Sincerely,



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Holland Township Plan Endorsement File